



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus for producing stranded metal cables of different gauge from wires all of the same initial cross-sectional area. The apparatus has equipment for assembling and stranding a first set of the wires to form a first cable and subsequently assembling and stranding other sets of the wires to form additional cables. At least two adjustable roll sets are provided for separately reducing the cross-sectional area of the wires prior to assembling the wires into the cables, each roll set causing a reduction in cross-sectional area less than an amount at which brittleness of the wire commences, preferably less than 40% reduction, preferably no more than 30% and ideally less than 25%.